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REF: A. STATE 154674
[1](#)B. STATE 157219

Classified By: CDA Peter M Brennan for reason 1.4(d)

[1](#)1. (U) On November 16, we discussed Ref A concerns with Alejandro Solano Ortiz, Sub-director of the Foreign Policy Directorate of the MFA.

[1](#)2. (C) Although sympathetic to these concerns, Solano indicated that the GOCR worried about the implications of the constitutional reform now under way in Venezuela and understood the growing dissent in that country. Solano added that the GOCR would cautiously voice its concern on those issues as appropriate opportunities arose.

[1](#)3. (C) Per Ref B, Post will engage with our contacts with senior-level government officials, assemblymen, local NGOs, and other groups.
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